(iv) To draft appropriate legislation/order.

(v) To suggest immediate measures, if any, in the interim period.

(vi) To recommend any other measures that has a bearing on the subject.

The Task Force is in the process of finalising its report.

Encounters with militants in J&K

805. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of armed encounters between the militants and the security forces that took place in Jammu & Kashmir so far since August this year;

(b) the number of militants, security personnel and civilians who were killed as a result thereof in each case; and

(c) the extent of financial or other assistance given by the Central/State Governments to the next of kin of the civilians who were killed as a result of these encounters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHR1PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 191 armed encounters between the militants and the security forces took place in the State from August to November 15, 2005. In these encounters, 237 militants, 18 civilians and 27 security forces were killed.

(c) Government of Jammu and Kashmir has been providing *ex-gratia* to the next-of-kins (NoKs) of victims of militancy for death, injury, etc. as per the existing rules. As per State Govenment's ordes, Rs. 1.00 Lakh is paid to the NoK in case of death.

Killing of tribals in Assam

806. SHRI VEPPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a militant group murdered 35 Karbi tribals in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what Government are doing to tackle such incidents in North East?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Reports of violence between two different tribes namely Karbis and Dimasas in Karbi Anglong district have been received from Government of Assam. So far, 92 persons have lost their lives and more than 2000 houses have been destroyed.

(b) The State Government has undertaken rehabilitation measures which include sanction of Rs. 3 lakh as *ex-gratia* grant to the next of kin of the victim; providing gratuitous relief to the affected families; and rehabilitation assistance for construction of houses. Central Government is committed to reimburse the expenses to State Government at the prescribed scales.

The situation is being closely monitored by the Government. Additional Central Police Forces and State Police have been deployed in Karbi Anglong District to control the violence. The State Government has been advised to strengthen the police in the area by setting up additional police stations and augment road network in the district. State Government has also been advised to strictly enforce the cease-fire ground rules signed with the militant outfits in association with the Central Police Forces.

(c) The Government's policy is to hold dialogue, pursue socio-economic development programmes, modernize and strengthen the police/security forces and to tackle the activities of the militants with the help of forces to protect properties, limbs and lives of innocent people.

Security threat to Eastern part of the country

807. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report that there was a security threat to the Eastern part of the country with Bangladesh being used as a springboard to foment militancy in the region;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There are reports that Indian Insurgent Group (HG) have set up camps/hideouts in Bangladesh for subversive activities.

(b) and (c) The Government has taken up India's security concern with the Government of Bangladesh at various fora. Both the sides have agreed to work on security issues closely. Besides, Government has also taken up various measures to control cross-border terrorism, which *inter-alia*